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## MANY OBSTACLES COUNT REBELS

Conditions in Central Mexico Less Favorable to Success Than They Are in Border States

WATER WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED 100 MILES

Federal Strongholds in Much Better Position to Reinforce One Another Than in the North—Villa, However, Determined to Fight His Way to Mexico City—Appeals for Peace Pour in on Carranza From European Countries.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Jan. 25.—Rebel leaders today gave serious consideration to the situation which will confront General Carranza if he attempts to move south of the Rio Grande. The rebels are confident that they will take Torreon, although General Regio, Carranza's federal commander at that point, is believed to be acting on orders from Mexico City to check the revolutionists there if possible. The rebels have been after the defeat of the Torreon federal garrison, should they be defeated, is not so clearly defined in the mind of General Villa.

Heretofore the activities of General Villa's army have been confined chiefly to the border states, which were regarded as rebel territory, and the rebel victories in those states have been against federal garrisons which were cut off from communication and from bases of supply. Unlimited supplies of cattle also were at the service of the rebels in the north.

Radically Different Conditions. Southward the conditions are somewhat changed. Important cities such as Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes and San Luis Potosi have federal garrisons which are supplied by rail and ammunition direct from Mexico City. Moreover, communication and railroad facilities for the shifting of federal troops are available. The federal strongholds thus are more closely knit and can reinforce each other more readily than they could in the north.

Another consideration before General Villa concerns the attitude of the people of the central states toward an invading rebel army. In the north General Villa has had little difficulty in rallying the non-combatants to his side. In the central states and cities where the federals have dominated and where the rebels have to find sources of food, the attitude of non-combatants remains to be shown.

South of Torreon, where the rebels have to carry water for a hundred miles, these are added to the difficulties that the rebels will have to depend for relief on such towns as they leave in their rear.

Rebel Armies Might Be Widely Separated. The railroad systems and the natural routes which the rebels would have to follow in an invasion of the central and southern states form a triangle. Torreon, 685 miles south of the United States border, is the southern vertex of the triangle. Saltillo and Monterrey are on the north-east angle, and the two routes southward, running through important cities, converge at Mexico City, 1,200 miles from Torreon. It might start, one each from Torreon and Saltillo, and while marching southward, be separated by about 200 miles until they reach the vicinity of Mexico City.

The route directly south from Torreon, and along which General Villa proposes to lead the bulk of his army toward the capital of the republic, runs through Gatacas and Agua Calientes. The route south of Saltillo runs through San Luis Potosi.

To Fight Way to Mexico City. General Villa proposes to leave the eastern route to the rebels in that territory. Another rebel force is working southward along the Pacific coast and according to General Villa, is to march toward Guadalajara.

Whatever the obstacles we intend to meet on our way to Mexico City, unless the usurper Huerta is driven out before we get there," said General Villa. General Villa has been indisposed since the Olinda battle. This has resulted in a delay in the campaign against Torreon.

Appeals for Peace. Messages Pour into Rebel Chief From European Countries.

Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, Jan. 24. Via Ariz. Jan. 25.—"At the triumph of the cause of the constitutionalist, which is the cause of peace, peace will be established in my country."

"With this brief statement to news, General Carranza today replied to a flood of messages from peace societies in Europe, who asked him to accept peace in Mexico. The messages were sent by societies in England, Russia, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Holland and Spain. All his simultaneous action gave rise to much speculation among General Carranza's advisers, and the opinion was expressed freely that he had been brought about by the Huerta government at Mexico City through its agents.

General Carranza personally answered a number of messages from prominent Spanish, publicists and politicians. All his answers contained some reference to the Mexico City uprising of February, 1913, in which President Madero was killed. Carranza said that the Spanish residents of Mexico had been in some districts for a long time and that he was not going to give them any special consideration.

The system of giving company currency good only for merchandise at the border is being investigated by the constitutionalist chief during his stay at Saltillo. The system is said to have flourished and to have constituted virtual penance. Carranza, it is said, has taken a very strong stand against it and warned all employers that they must pay their workmen in state currency issued by the insurgent government.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Death of Sir Daniel Gill.

London, Jan. 25.—Sir Daniel Gill, the Scottish astronomer, died here yesterday in his seventy-first year.

Suffragettes Blow Up Conservatory. Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 25.—A bomb outrage, believed by the police to have been carried out by militant suffragettes, yesterday destroyed the extensive conservatory in the Glasgow botanical gardens known as the Kibble Crystal Palace.

British Aviator Killed. London, Jan. 25.—George Lee Temple, a British aviator, was killed today while flying at Hendon. He was making an especially difficult dive when a strong gust wind caught the tail of his monoplane and the machine crashed to the ground. The aviator's neck was broken.

Methodist College at Rome. Rome, Jan. 25.—The Rev. Bertrand D. Temple, pastor of the American Methodist church in Rome, has purchased about six acres at the southern end of the city of Rome. He announced that he intends to erect a great modern college, embracing the fields of science, literature, moral and physical ideals.

Safety Urged Upon Railroad Employes. Timely Addresses by Chairman Elliott and President Hustis.

Boston, Jan. 25.—"Safety first" was the topic of a meeting today of over 200 railroad employes, as well as men who were addressed by Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, James M. Hustis, president of that road, and other officials.

In the language of a railroad man who reported an accident to me," said Chairman Elliott, "a battleship has hit us in the rear and we are picking up the pieces." We have got to pull this 'safety first' thing through.

Negligence and recklessness were among the chief causes of accidents, said Elliott. The public, as well as the railroads, have got to be careful, he added, after quoting figures showing that in the past few years there had been 1,000 deaths and 10,000 injuries on the railroads.

You have been accustomed to working with a list of don'ts," continued Mr. Elliott, "and I shall now give you a list of do's."

Do be careful. Do be alert and efficient. Keep always in good mental and physical health. Do be loyal. Do be honest. Do be fair.

Do be courteous and direct answers to questions. Do be public. Do be a duty towards us.

You ought to have good working conditions and good wages. The public wants good service, but we cannot give these things unless we get enough business to pay for them.

Do be of balance now and until the balance is restored we cannot get the business we need.

President Hustis said: "Charges have been made that organized labor was in part responsible for the closing of the railroads. I want to take this opportunity to say that organized labor is not responsible for the closing of the railroads."

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## Hearings May Begin in Week

PLANS TO PUSH ANTI-TRUST PROGRAMME

HOUSES TO COOPERATE

Joint Hearings Are Proposed and Advice Will Be Solicited from Statesmen and Captains of Industry.

Washington, Jan. 25.—How to expedite the anti-trust legislation programme outlined to congress last week by President Wilson was the subject of a conference today at the home of Senator Newlands, Nevada, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce. Participants in the conference were the majority members of the committee, Senators McNamara, Joseph E. Davies, Representative Clayton, Flood and Carlin of the house judiciary subcommittee.

Co-operation of committees in both houses of congress was agreed upon as essential to the quick and best results in carrying the programme to completion, and to this end, the suggestion was made that the two committees should be joined in a joint committee for the purpose of determining the programme.

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## Ghost Used in "Third Degree"

PRISONER MET A SPOOK IN A DARK ROOM

MADE NO CONFESSION

Charged With Poisoning His Wife—Note Claimed to Have Been Left by Woman Pronounced a Forgery.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25.—The "third degree" as a ghost was the central figure in a case today at the Los Angeles county jail. A young druggist, a confessed thief and a woman's wife, Zella, according to a statement made public today by his attorney.

Grondin, who was charged with poisoning his wife and with having killed her while living in Portland, Ore., was today brought to Los Angeles.

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## Condensed Telegrams

There Were 643 Persons Killed, 2,221 injured on Canadian railways during 1913.

A Bill Providing for Bimonthly pay on railroads, was reintroduced in the Canadian parliament.

Railroads in the Pittsburgh district are waging vigorous warfare against tipping among their employes.

Francis S. Cantrell, 70 years old, one of the oldest persons in the city of Philadelphia, died of heart disease.

Robbers Blew Open the vault in the Farmers' bank at Ludlow, Mo., Saturday and escaped with \$5,000 mostly silver.

William Campbell, a negro, was hanged at Montreal Saturday for the murder of George Muir of that city on August 14.

Mrs. Domitille (Dallaire) Pothier, mother of Governor Aram J. Pothier, died Saturday afternoon at her home in Woonsocket.

A fund for the founding of a hospital in Montreal, U. S. provided by the will of Jesse F. Frisbee of Newton, Mass.

Captain Edwin E. Marvin, connected with the United States court at Hartford for a half century, died Saturday aged 81.

Frank L. Polk, a great nephew of President James K. Polk, was appointed corporation counsel by Mayor Mitchell Saturday.

Lafayette Young, former United States senator and publisher of the Des Moines Capital, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Arthur F. Nichols of Austin, Texas, was injured when one of his eyes exploded. It was a glass eye and physicians are puzzled.

Three Fires Within an Hour in the Pittsfield, Mass., City. Public Service Commission today announced that three fires had broken out in the city within an hour.

Peter A. Gross, an American landscape painter resident in Paris for the last forty years, dropped dead in his hotel at Chicago Saturday.

George H. Babbitt, a former member of the Massachusetts legislature, died Saturday after a brief illness of acute indigestion.

The Heating of the New High School at Buffalo, N. Y., by electricity is the first case on record where large buildings have been heated entirely by this means.

If the Recommendations of Major Richard Sylvester, chief of police, are approved, Washington will soon have several police women added to its patrol force.

Charles D. Thayer, one of the first men to make a fortune in the oil business in Worcester, 63 years ago, died there Saturday, aged 85 from heart disease.

Three Firemen and one workman were injured when fire broke out at the M. and M. Auto Supply company plant at Cleveland Saturday. The damage was \$200,000.

District Attorney Whitman has begun an investigation into the bank robbery of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, and James E. Gaffney, his business associate.

Walter Von Einsiedel was arrested in Philadelphia, because he claimed his present home was in the city of New York, and was straying from the job to a nearby school.

Official Recognition of the movement for the establishment of Catholic boy scouts in his diocese in affiliation with the national organization has been given by Cardinal Farley.

Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church at Fort Worth, Texas, was acquitted by a jury Saturday of the charge of burning his own church on February 2, 1912.

Women Suffragists Met another defeat Saturday when the house committee by the vote, four to four, failed to report a resolution for appointment of a standing suffrage committee.

The Gloucester Fishing Schooner Selma, Capt. Charles Downey, was wrecked yesterday off Meagher's Beach, east of Halifax. All on board reached shore safely, but the vessel will be a total loss.

Captain John T. Chancey, for 50 years a special employee of the House of Representatives and holder of the longest continuous record in the House, died Saturday at Washington, at the age of 84.

Henry Hain, aged 57, a prosperous farmer living near Henryville, Ind., who was shot by his wife, died Saturday at the age of 57. His wife had come home intoxicated and abused her husband.

Laws to Prohibit further immigration till all surplus laborers in the United States are fully employed were favored by a resolution adopted at the convention of the United Mine Workers of America Saturday.

President Wilson Saturday received a special messenger order for 50 pupils of the fifth grade in the Lincoln school at Anaconda, Mont., who asked him to send them to Japan from the recent disaster.

Fairfax Court House, Va., Jan. 25. E. P. Egleston of New London, says a dispatch from Fairfax Court House, Va., that the clerk of the Fairfax county court the will of Hanna Washington and other estate documents which were stolen from the courthouse at the time the will of Martha Washington was stolen. Mr. Egleston did not know that the documents had been stolen until he had read accounts of efforts to recover the will from J. P. Morgan.

Obituary. John Henry Frederick Bacon. London, Jan. 25.—John Henry Frederick Bacon, the painter, died today. He was 70 years old. He was born in 1843.

Collision on Michigan Central. Jackson, Mich., Jan. 25.—Five persons are said to have been killed and 10 injured in a collision between freight and passenger trains on the Michigan Central railway at Jackson, Mich., Saturday.

Established Record. The year 1913 has been the coldest in the United States since 1912, but there seems no possibility of its being drier in a legislative way.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Jan. 25.—Steamers Campania, Liverpool; La Savoie, Havre; La Rochelle, Rotterdam; Santa Anna, Marseilles; San Giuseppe, Naples; Queenstown, Jan. 25.—Steamer Campania, New York for Glasgow.

## EAGER TO GET AWAY FROM PANAMA

Colonel Goethals, However, Desires to Remain There Until Canal is in Successful Operation

CHAFES UNDER DELAY OF ADMINISTRATION

Is Embarrassed in His Work by Failure to Establish a Permanent Government in Canal Zone—Opinion in Washington That He May Be Appointed Civil Governor and Later Placed in Charge of Alaskan Railroad Project.

Panama, Jan. 25.—Colonel George W. Goethals today reiterated emphatically his wish to see the completion of the canal and the successful operation of the Panama Canal zone. He declared that the other conditions which he has imposed were complied with it is understood that this would keep him on the isthmus for another 18 months.

May Hasten Government Action. It is generally believed here that the agitation in New York to take Colonel Goethals from the isthmus will have the effect of hastening action at Washington looking to the establishment of a permanent government in the canal zone. The colonel himself makes no secret of the fact that the delay is causing him much embarrassment because it prevents him from making an effort to keep men on the isthmus whom he would like to see in the permanent operating organization.

Anxious to Leave Isthmus. Nor does Colonel Goethals make a secret of his desire to leave the isthmus. He makes it plain, however, that he does not intend to leave until the canal is in operation before he returns to other duties in the United States. He has told friends that the burden is growing heavy and that he has felt the weight of criticism that has come to his administration from various quarters.

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